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1. BY CURIOUS CONINCIDENCE LE SAHEL, ONLY NIAMEY DAILY, PUBLISHED OCTOBER 21 (BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL OR HENRY KAMM'S REPORT) TWO-PAGE ARTICLE WITH PHOTOS ENTITLED QUOTE FAMINE NO LONGER EXISTS AT LAZARET II UNQUOTE. ARTICLE USES OCT 19 VISIT TO CAMP OF MINISTER RURAL ECONOMY CAPT. ALI SAIBOU TO MAKE POINT MALIAN REFUGEES HAVE BEEN SO WELL TREATED THEY HAVE BECOME PRIVILEGED LOT MUCH BETTER CARED FOR THAN NIGERENVICTIMS OF DROUGHT. PHYSICAL AMENITIES OF CAMP DESCRIBED--TWO WELLS, ONE WITH MOTOR PUMP AND STORAGE TANKS, DISPENSARY OPEN AROUND CLOCK, PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WAREHOUSES STOCKED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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POWDERED MILK, RICE, SORGHUM AND BISCUITS FOR FREE

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2. CAPT. ALI SAIBOU QUOTED AS SAYING HE GREATLY DIS-
APPOINTED WITH REFUGEES SINCE THEY HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE
OF GON'S HOSPITALITY IN RECEIVING THEM AS BORTHERS IN
TIME OF NEED. THEY REFUSE TO WORK (IN RETURN FOR FOOD
AND MONEY AT HIGHER RATE THAN LOCAL LABORERS), COMPLAIN
CONSTANTLY, DEMAND LUXURIES AND ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL TRANS-
ACTIONS INVOLVING RELIEF FOOD AND SUPPLIES. HE WARNED
ANY MALIAN CAUGHT SELLING SUPPLIES WOULD BE HANDED OVER
IMMEDIATELY TO MALIAN AUTHORITIES AT BORDER. WRITER ASSERTS
THIS IS FATE WHICH REFUGEES FEAR MOST. ARTICLE SPECULATES
TIME IS RIPE FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AND UNHCR
TO FIND LASTING SOLUTION TO PRESSING PROBLEM OF MALIAN
REFUGEES IN NIGER.

3. COMMENT FOLLOWS.HECK

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